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Title: OPTICAL COMMUNICATION
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Sir:

Applicants hereby submit the proposed Preliminary Amendment for consideration and entry into the above-referenced application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the application by inserting the following sentence before the first line of the specification:

--This application claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) for U.S.

Provisional Application Serial No. 60/393,667 filed on July 3, 2002 the benefit of priority is hereby claimed.--